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Docket No.: 43890-463

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**
Toshiki KINDO, et al. : **Expedited Procedure**
Application No.: 09/708,083 : Customer Number: 20277
Filed: November 08, 2000 : Confirmation Number: 9891
: Group Art Unit: 2167
: Examiner: Greta L. Robinson

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE RETRIEVAL:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: